

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 7, 12, and 17, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Please amend Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 16, and 18-20, as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for making a bookbinding setup for a document, comprising:

cover page determination means for determining pages to be imposed on a cover page from input data of a plurality of pages;

cover imposing processing means for executing an imposing process of cover pages on the basis of data of the pages determined by said cover page determination means; [and]

bookbinding imposing processing means for executing an imposing process of running text pages on the basis of data of the remaining pages which are not imposed on the cover pages by said cover imposing processing means[.];

first determination processing means for checking if the total number of pages of print data is not less than n;

first imposing processing means for, when said first determination processing means determines that the total number of pages of print data is not less than n, executing a first imposing process of cover pages;

bookbinding imposing processing means for executing a bookbinding imposing process of the remaining pages after the process of said first imposing processing means; and

second imposing processing means for, when said first determination processing means determines that the total number of pages of print data is less than n, executing a second imposing process of less than n cover pages.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1[2], further comprising:
second determination processing means for determining cover pages to be printed.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said cover imposing processing means comprises processing means for imposing first and second pages on obverse and reverse surfaces of a front cover, and processing means for imposing a last page - 1 on obverse and reverse surfaces of a back cover.

5. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said second determination processing means for determining cover pages to be printed comprises:

third determination processing means for checking if the obverse surface of the front cover is to be printed;

fourth determination processing means for checking if the reverse surface of the front cover is to be printed;

fifth determination processing means for checking if the obverse surface of the back cover is to be printed; and

sixth determination processing means for checking if the reverse surface of the back cover is to be printed.

6. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for making a bookbinding setup for a document, comprising:

the cover page determination step of determining pages to be imposed on a cover page from input data of a plurality of pages;

the cover imposing processing step of executing an imposing process of cover pages on the basis of data of the pages determined in the cover page determination step; and

the bookbinding imposing processing step of executing an imposing process of running text pages on the basis of data of the remaining pages which are not imposed on the cover pages in the cover imposing processing step[.];

the first determination processing step of checking if the total number of pages of print data is not less than n;

the first imposing processing step of executing, when it is determined in the first determination processing step that the total number of pages of print data is not less than n, a first imposing process of cover pages;

the bookbinding imposing processing step of executing a bookbinding imposing process of the remaining pages after the process of the first imposing processing step; and

the second imposing processing step of executing, when it is determined in the first determination processing step that the total number of pages of print data is less than n, a second imposing process of less than n cover pages.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6[7], further comprising:
the second determination processing step of determining cover pages to be printed.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein the cover imposing processing step comprises the processing step of imposing first and second pages on obverse and reverse surfaces of a front cover, and the processing step of imposing a last page and last page - 1 on obverse and reverse surfaces of a back cover.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the second determination processing step of determining cover pages to be printed comprises:

the third determination processing step of checking if the obverse surface of the front cover is to be printed;

the fourth determination processing step of checking if the reverse surface of the front cover is to be printed;

the fifth determination processing step of checking if the obverse surface of the back cover is to be printed; and

the sixth determination processing step of checking if the reverse surface of the back cover is to be printed.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium which stores a print control program module, said program module comprising:

a cover page determination module for determining pages to be imposed on a cover page from input data of a plurality of pages;

a cover imposing processing module for executing an imposing process of cover pages on the basis of data of the pages determined by said cover page determination module; ~~and~~

a bookbinding imposing processing module for executing an imposing process of running text pages on the basis of data of the remaining pages which are not imposed on the cover pages by said cover imposing processing module[.];

a first determination processing module for checking if the total number of pages of print data is not less than n;

a first imposing processing module for, when said first determination processing module determines that the total number of pages of print data is not less than n, executing a first imposing process of cover pages;

a bookbinding imposing processing module for executing a bookbinding imposing process of the remaining pages after the process of said first imposing processing module; and

a second imposing processing module for, when said first determination processing module determines that the total number of pages of print data is less than n, executing a second imposing process of less than n cover pages.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The medium according to claim 11[12], wherein said program module further comprises:

a second determination processing module for determining cover pages to be printed.

14. (Original) The medium according to claim 11, wherein said cover imposing processing module comprises a processing module for imposing first and second pages on obverse and reverse surfaces of a front cover, and a processing module for imposing a last page and last page - 1 on obverse and reverse surfaces of a back cover.

15. (Original) The medium according to claim 13, wherein said second determination processing module for determining cover pages to be printed comprises:

a third determination processing module for checking if the obverse surface of the front cover is to be printed;

a fourth determination processing module for checking if the reverse surface of the front cover is to be printed;

a fifth determination processing module for checking if the obverse surface of the back cover is to be printed; and

a sixth determination processing module for checking if the reverse surface of the back cover is to be printed.

16. (Currently Amended) A program, stored on a computer-readable medium, for making a computer execute an information process for generating print data used to obtain a bookbinding print result using a printer, said program executing the information process by specifying functions to be executed by the computer as:

a cover page determination ~~means for step of~~ determining pages to be imposed on a cover page from input data of a plurality of pages;

a cover imposing processing ~~means for step of~~ executing an imposing process of cover pages on the basis of data of the pages determined ~~by in~~ said cover page determination ~~means step~~; and

a bookbinding imposing processing ~~means for step of~~ executing an imposing process of running text pages on the basis of data of the remaining pages which are not imposed on the cover pages ~~by in~~ said cover imposing processing ~~means:step~~;

a first determination processing step of checking if the total number of pages of print data is not less than n;

a first imposing processing step of, when it is determined in said first determination processing step that the total number of pages of print data is not less than n, executing a first imposing process of cover pages;

a bookbinding imposing processing step of executing a bookbinding imposing process of the remaining pages after the process of said first imposing processing step; and

a second imposing processing step of, when it is determined in said first determination processing step that the total number of pages of print data is less than n, executing a second imposing process of less than n cover pages.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The program according to claim 16 [17], wherein said program executes the information process by further specifying the functions executed by the computer as a second determination processing means for step of determining cover pages to be printed.

19. (Currently Amended) The program according to claim 16, wherein said program executes the information process by specifying functions of said cover imposing processing ~~means as processing means for~~ step comprises a processing step of imposing first and second pages on obverse and reverse surfaces of a front cover, and a processing means for step of imposing a last page and last page - 1 on obverse and reverse surfaces of a back cover.

20. (Currently Amended) The program according to claim 18, wherein said program executes the information process by specifying functions of said second determination processing ~~means for~~ step of determining cover pages to be printed as:

a third determination processing ~~means for~~ step of checking if the obverse surface of the front cover is to be printed;

a fourth determination processing ~~means for~~ step of checking if the reverse surface of the front cover is to be printed;

a fifth determination processing ~~means for~~ step of checking if the obverse surface of the back cover is to be printed; and

a sixth determination processing ~~means for~~ step of checking if the reverse surface of the back cover is to be printed.